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Serial No. : 10/086,807  
Filed : March 4, 2002  
Title : PREPARATION OF NICKEL  
OXYHYDROXIDE

Art Unit : 1745  
Examiner : Julian Mercado  
Confirmation No.: 1600  
Notice of Allowance Date: January 27, 2006

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Correspondence relating to the Notice of Allowance received in the above-identified application is enclosed.

On January 18, 2006, Applicants' representative, Jeffie Kopczynski, had a telephone interview with the Examiner. During the telephone interview, Applicants' representative authorized an Examiner's Amendment to claims 1, 7-9, 16, 29, 30, and 71. Applicants agree with the Examiner's summary of the telephone interview, as provided in the "Examiner's Amendment" section on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 27, 2006.

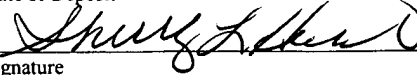
However, Applicants note that there is a typographical error in claim 30 as amended in the Examiner's Amendment. Therefore, Applicants are submitting an Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 with the enclosed correspondence, to correct the typographical error in claim 30.

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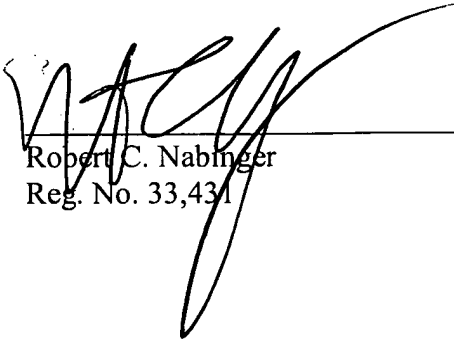
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Respectfully submitted,

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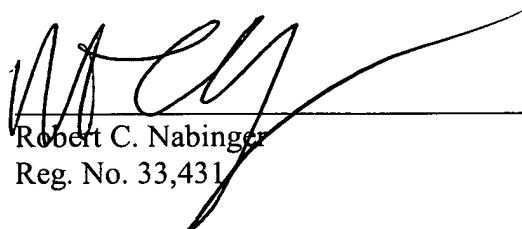
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Examiner's reasons for allowance of claims 1-10, 12-21, 29-40, and 66-74 in the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 27, 2006, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. Applicants also do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the cited references.

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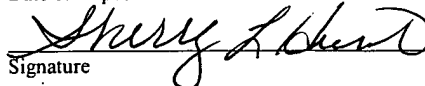
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